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PIR, MNR, and POR

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1. It is reported that the Bolivian Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) and the Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) have been joined in their previously reported united front for labor agitation\* by the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (POR).\*\*
2. The government fears that this united front augurs serious trouble and a possible coup d'etat. Special police measures are being taken to prevent a revolutionary attempt.
3. According to source, the 6 April demonstration by a group of Indian women vendors before the Presidential Palace\*\*\* was engineered by the POR and the MNR. The PIR was also supporting the demonstration, since the Marxist weekly El Pueblo condemned the action of the police and warmly approved the protest meeting. One of the handbills convoking the meeting was printed on the presses of Editorial Trabajo, which prints El Pueblo.
4. The demonstration was carefully planned by the Federacion Obrera Femenina (FOF), which distributed the handbills agitating for the gathering. The FOF is the women's sector of the Federacion Obrero Local (FOL) which specializes in agitation among the Indians of Bolivia. The FOL was accused of engineering an Indian uprising on the Altoplano in 1947, and a number of its leaders were jailed.

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